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IN THIS NEXT SCENE, QUEEN TALKS WITH THE DIRECTOR, CARL THE HEROINE, FROM A CATTLE STAMPEDE---

REAL ACTION, EH?



YES SIR! THE CATTLE ARE BEING RUSTLED BY A GANG O' CATTLE THIEVES--

AND I'LL BE LUCKY IF I COME OUT IN ONE PIECE!



NOW TED DRIVE THE HERD TOWARDS 'FAR CANYON'. SOB AND HIS RUSTLERS WILL BE AT THAT RIDGE--

I KNOW I KNOW--I'VE LIVED IN THIS COUNTRY SINCE I WAS A KID--



THIS IS A DANGEROUS SCENE--I'M WORRIED!

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ELLERY QUEEN



BUT TED AND JANE ARE SAFE FOR THE MOMENT RIDING WITH THE HERD ---



A BULL'S HORN CATCHES JANE'S LEG AND YANKS HER FROM TED'S SIDE ---



JANE CRASHES TO THE GROUND AS THE HERD STAMPEDES OVER HER LIFELESS BODY ---





SHE... SHE'S DEAD!

DEAD! I KNEW IT! I KNEW SOMETHING WOULD HAPPEN!

NO ONE COULDN'T LIVED THRU THAT!

POOR KID!



TED SULLS HAS DISAPPEARED. THERE'S NO TRACE OF HIM!

... AND THE CATTLE ARE GONE TOO! VANISHED!

WHAT!



THE CATTLE, RUSTLER ACTIONS... THEY WERE TRYING TO BREAK UP THE STAMPEDE WHEN IT WENT INTO "FAR CANYON".

WE HADN'T EVEN PEERED TOO, I SEE --

THIS IS CRUZZ! IT'S WORSE THAN SOME OF THE SCRIPTS. GOTTA MAKE INTO PICTURES!



WELL, COME ON! LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT "FAR CANYON" AND SEE HOW FIVE THOUSAND CATTLE AND TWENTY MEN CAN DISAPPEAR!



THE CATTLE WENT AS FAR AS THIS RIVER. YOU CAN SEE THE TRACKS --

BUT THEY DIDN'T CROSS IT --



WHAT HAVE YOU FOUND?

EMPTY CARTRIDGE SHELLS --



EMPTY CARTRIDGE SHELLS? SO WHAT?

I KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CATTLE AND MEN!

STOP!
 AT THIS POINT ELLERY KNEW HOW FIVE THOUSAND CATTLE AND TWENTY MEN APPARENTLY VANISHED FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH. DO YOU? THE SOLUTION ISN'T EASY - REQUIRES IMAGINATION AND KEEN EYES!

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AFTER THEIR NARROW ESCAPE FROM THE FANATICAL SAVAGES, THE CRUSOES ARE ENJOYING A PERIOD OF PEACE AND COMFORT.



THE CRUSOES



THE CRUSOES



THE CRUSOES

BUT WITH ONE LAST DESPERATE EFFORT PAUL BURIES THE KNIFE INTO THE TIGER'S HEART



THE END OF THE STRUGGLE



WHAT HAPPENED-! THE TIGER-?

YOU KILLED HIM! GEE, PAUL, YOU WERE SWELL! WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU!



MY LEG-I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S THE MATTER! IT HURTS WHEN I MOVE IT!



GOSH-WHAT DAMAGE THE STORM'S DONE!

I GUESS EVERY TREE IN THE VALLEY MUST BE DOWN!

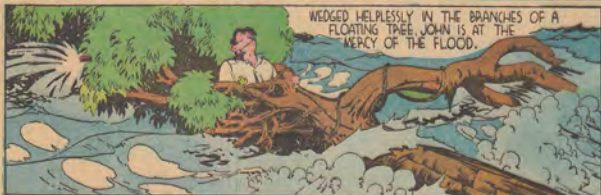


I WISH DADDY WAS HERE!

DAD KNOWS HOW TO TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF! DON'T WORRY!



THE CRUSOES



THE CRUSOES

FIGHTING AGAINST TIME, FEAR IN HER HEART, MARY HACKS AWAY FEVERISHLY AT THE IMPRISONING BRANCHES



WITH HER LUNGS BURSTING SHE WORRIES FURIOUSLY, A PRAYER ON HER LIPS



SHE CUTS AWAY THE LAST IMPRISONING BRANCH JUST AS SHE IS FORCED TO RISE FOR AIR.



OH, DADDY DEAR, WE WERE SO SCARED FOR YOU!

DARLING... I THOUGHT I WAS DONE FOR!... IF IT HADN'T... BEEN FOR YOU!!



ONCE ON LAND, JOHN BANDAGES MARY'S LEG USING HIS SHIRT AS BANDAGE.

THAT'LL FIX YOU UP TILL WE GET HOME - NOW FOR A RAFT! OUR HEROINE, MARY, WILL HELP ME BUILD ONE!

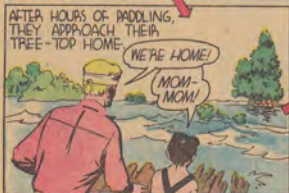
I'LL HELP TOO, DADDY!



THERE--IT'S OKAY NOW, I RECKON! OUR BELTS WILL HOLD THE LOGS AND BRANCHES TOGETHER!

WE'VE GOT TO GET HOME QUICKLY! MOTHER MUST BE FRANTIC WITH WORRY!

THE CRUSOES



THE CRUSOE.



AND A GRANDER SHOT!
WE'RE SAFE NOW!

THAT WAS A GRAND IDEA OF THEIRS!

HOORAY!



WITH MAE AND ANDY PULLING IN THE RAFT, THE FAMILY IS REUNITED

AHOY THERE!

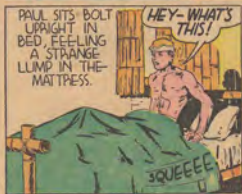
MOM!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH PAUL?



HE'S JUST BANGED UP A BIT, MAE!
HE'LL BE RIGHT AS RAIN IN A COUPLE OF DAYS!

YOU'LL ALL HAVE TO GO TO BED! - BUT PAUL FIRST!



PAUL SITS BOLT UPRIGHT IN BED, FEELING A STRANGE LUMP IN THE MATTRESS.

HEY-WHAT'S THIS!

SQUEEE



YOU SEE CHILDREN-EVEN THE LITTLE PIGS KNEW ENOUGH TO COME IN OUT OF THE RAIN!



THE WATERS FALLING, JOHN!
THE FLOODS OVER!

WHAT A CROWDED DAY IT'S BEEN MAE! SO MUCH HAPPENING IN SUCH A BRIEF TIME! HOWEVER, ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL!

WATCH FOR
NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE
OF
CRACKAJACK FUNNIES
FOR ANOTHER THRILLING
EPISODE IN THE LIVES OF
THE CRUSOES

Don Winslow

OF THE NAVY

by LIEUT COMDR FV MARTINEK, USNR

UNGUARDED FOR A MOMENT IN THE U.S. DESTROYER'S SICK-BAY, DOCTOR THOR SEIZES HIS CHANCE TO BRIBE "THE DUCHESS".

IN THE CABIN OF MY WRECKED YACHT ON THE ISLAND IS A SAFE CONTAINING A MILLION DOLLARS—HALF OF IT IS YOURS IF YOU KEEP MY IDENTITY A SECRET FROM THESE YANKEES---

YOU'D BE RICH, DUCHESS...

IF I COULD GET THE MONEY, THOR---BUT I'M A PRISONER HERE, LIKE YOURSELF!

WINSLOW AGREED TO FREE ME ONLY IF I HELPED TO CATCH YOU AND HE'LL SAY I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH YOUR "DEATH"---

--SO MY ONLY CHANCE FOR FREEDOM IS TO EXPOSE YOU NOW...

NO, YOU DON'T!

HELP!

YOU'RE GOING TO GET ANOTHER DOSE FROM THIS MEDICINE CABINET--AND THIS TIME IT WON'T BE AMMONIA!

MEANTIME, IN DON WINSLOW'S QUARTERS...

--BUT NOBODY BROUGHT AN AMMONIA BOTTLE IN HERE, DOC.... THAT OUTLAW SAILOR LIED TO YOU!

WAIT 'TIL I GET MY HANDS ON THAT BIRD!

DON WINSLOW







OH, BOY!
FOREIGN MONEY
AND ALL OF THOR'S
SECRET PAPERS!

WE'LL DRAG THE
WHOLE MESS BACK
TO COMMANDER
WINSLOW...



YEAH—EXCEPT
THIS BROKEN
BOTTLE...



HEY!
WHAT IN —
(COUGH)
(COUGH)



OW!
COUGH—
COUGH—
COUGH--

FUMES! GET
BACK FROM THAT
BOTTLE!



POISON GAS!
OUT OF HERE
QUICK, MEN!



CUNNING DEVIL—
THAT THOR!!

WE'LL FINISH
THIS JOB WITH
GAS MASKS!

MEANTIME—
A FEW
HUNDRED
YARDS OFF
SHORE—THOR
HIMSELF HAS
WATCHED THE
SCENE FROM
HIS PRISON
IN THE
DESTROYER'S
BRIG —



HA! THEY WOULD STICK
THEIR LONG NAVY NOSES
INTO MY BUSINESS!



THEY'LL TRY AGAIN
AND GET ANOTHER SHOCK...
WAIT 'TIL THEY DISCOVER
WHAT THE GAS FUMES HAVE
DONE TO ALL THOSE
SECRET PAPERS!

CONTINUED---



RED RYDER

"HERE'S THE BUNCH
I'VE GOT FOR
THE HUSBAND."

"WHOP! BOSSON
BUT SHEEP-NO
WE'RE LOOKIN'
FOR WOOL!"

"OH, FORGIVE ME
BUT I DON'T
NEED THEM!"

"WOULD YOU MIND
HOLDING ON TO
THESE HORSES
LIKE A BEAR, BLONDIE,
SPOONIE?"

OURLAND AND HIS A FEW
IN HIS HEAD, SO HE'S
BEAR SAFETY ON A NEW
PLANDIN'!



"BUT BOSS, WE GOT
COMMANDS ON
THE HORSES!"

"YEAH, HAWK, BUT
NEVER, YOU NOR
ANY OF ER, INDEED,
MOUNT MANFULLER."



"I'VEH, RED HEAD, ARE
YOU WILLIN' TO RIDE
A HORSE THAT'S KILLED
SILLY HUSBANDS!"

"GIVE SPOONIE
MY MANNINGS!
RECKON, LET'S
GET BURN!"

"BLASPHEM! ONLY
LAWDUDGE, LITTLE
BLANK SPOONIE!"



"IF YOU CAN SMILE
TO KNOWS OUT OF
THE HORSE, THEN
I GOT A BUNCH
OF HORSES FOR
YOU!"

"GIVE SPOONIE
MY MANNINGS!
RECKON, LET'S
GET BURN!"



"WELL, GENTS, WE'RE
GONNA HIDE 'EM IN
THE WOODS AND SHUT
THEM DOWN!"

"YEAH, HAWK, AND NOW
YOU'VE BE SCOUNDING TO
THE WOODS. THE MEN THAT
RECKON YOU'RE A
SILLY HUSBAND!"



"I'M SURE
MANNINGS IN
TO CONTROL
THE HORSE!"

"AND YOU MUST
GIVE SPOONIE
MY MANNINGS!"



"I'VE GOT A
LOT OF HORSES
FOR YOU TO
BUY TO GO!"

"I'VE ONLY GOTTING THE
SADDLE FLEW OFF!"



"YOU MUST
BUY TO GO
TO BUY!"

AND RED RYDER TO
THE HORSE AT THE
WOODS AND SHUT
THEM DOWN!



LITTLE BEAVER

"I'VE GOT A
LOT OF HORSES
FOR YOU TO
BUY TO GO!"

"I'VE ONLY GOTTING THE
SADDLE FLEW OFF!"



"YOU MUST
BUY TO GO
TO BUY!"

"I'VE ONLY GOTTING THE
SADDLE FLEW OFF!"

RED RYDER

LITTLE BEAVER, YOUR PAIS
IS NOT QUINCY TURT'S CAR
WENT HIS LEGS FLEW
AROUND FRANKLINER?

HE NOT GET LONG -- ANOTHER
LUNGE LIKE THAT AND MY CATCH
LITTLE QUINCY, BUT AND THERE'LL BE
PLenty DAYLIGHT BETWEEN SAT
HORN AND ME!

THE BUNCH SOME TIME
PROMISED TO DISPERSE BUT
RED RYDER VS THE COWBOYS
SOUND, THEY OVER HE IS NOT
WANTED BY FRANKLINER --
AN OUTLAW HORSE WOUND
FRANKLINER, HAS
WANTED TO RIDE.



BETH AND THE DUCHISS ARE WORRIED
ABOUT THE FUGITIVE RYDER...

AND TO THINK THAT FRANKLINER
COULDN'T TAKE OF THEM WHO
RAN AWAY FROM HIM FOR
LUNGER -- AN
UNWANTED RYDER --
THEY NOT WANT TO
SEE HIM!

GET BACK TO THE INSTANT
CONTROL -- A BERSERK LUNGE
BY FRANKLINER'S SIDE --
HE WAVED HIS CHIN AND
WENT TO JUSTICE --
FRANKLINER --
NOPE!



SORRY, BETH -- FRANKLINER
DIDN'T WANT TO
WANT YOU WIFE!

HE'S BORN, BUT MY
SADDLE CORNER
IS CUT!



LOOK -- RED RYDER?
HE'S IN YOUR SHIRT WITH
A BRAND ON!

SEE THAT
TIE -- THE
RED RYDER
IN YOUR SHIRT?

I'LL WHOLE OF THE
OUTA YOU -- NOW
GET OFF THE BRANCH!



LAY OFF
THAT RYD!



WHERE I COME FROM --
BULLIES DON'T GET HEATHY!

RED RYDER'S
FRANKLINER, BOSS!

NO WAY -- AND THAT
HORSE IS RED RYDER'S!
THE HORSE HE RODE
IS A BUSTED BRANCH!

TO SHAKY FOR
ME -- I'LL
WELL -- I'LL
SHOW YOU!



BELIEVE ME, BETH --
HE'S NOT FRANKLINER!
BARTBACK!

AND WHY
DON'T YOU
WANT ME?

LITTLE BEAVER

LOOK -- FRANKLINER'S
OUTA YOUR SHIRT WITH
A BRAND ON!

NO WAY -- AND THAT
HORSE IS RED RYDER'S!
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TO SHAKY FOR
ME -- I'LL
WELL -- I'LL
SHOW YOU!



THE FRANKLINER'S OLD SELFISH
WANTS YOU TO TELL HER THAT!

HE'S -- AND THE
BULLY'S -- SHE
WANTS YOU TO
TELL HER THAT!

RED RYDER





AND RED, UNWARE OF HIS PENDING ARREST, LEAPS FOR THE STREET, DESPERATE TO RECOVER HIS SECOND BULLDOGGING RECORD, AS THE CROWD CHIEF.







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GABBY SCOOPS

by BILL TREADWELL and BILL CONNOR



GABBY SCOOPS HAS FLOWN EAST FROM CALIFORNIA TO SPEND HIS FALL VACATION WITH JOYCE JILREN IN GOOFVILLE, HIS HOME TOWN. ALL THE TOWN FOLK ARE AT THE AIRPORT



GABBY SCOOPS

GABBY IS AT GOOFVILLE STADIUM TO HELP THE TEAM!

GABBY WAS OUR FIRST ALL-AMERICAN BOYS. (HI YA! GANG, LETS GO.)



GABBY'S PLAY ON THE FIELD AMAZES THE COACH AND PLAYERS

WE'LL HAVE TO RUN THROUGH THAT PLAY ONCE MORE TRY A LOWER TACKLE



YOU PLAYED THAT WRONG TOO!



HEY! GABBY JOYCE WANTS YA' QUICK!



YEAH SHE'S DOWN AT THE POLICE STATION. THEY SAY SHE STOLE SUMPTIN'



RUN BACK TOHER. I'LL GET DRESSED

(YOUR HONOR IT WAS ALL AN ACCIDENT. IT MAKES ME CRY..)



SHE'S AN HONORABLE GIRL JUDGE! THATS JOYCE JILREN

I WAS AT THE COUNTER IN THORNS DEPT STORE AND A NECKLACE FELL INTO MY OPEN SHOPPING BAG.



I THINK THE COURT WILL DROP THE ACTION RIGHT NOW..CASE DISMISSED!



GABBY SCOOPS

THE DAY OF THE BIG GAME WITH TAPVILLE.



IT IS NOW THE LAST FEW MINUTES OF THE FIRST HALF NEITHER TEAM HAS SCORED YET.



AT THE END OF THE HALF GABBY IS CALLED TO THE LOCKER ROOM.

NOW, FELLAS, THE OLD END PLAY WOULD PROBABLY FOOL 'EM. LETS USE IT!



GOOFVILLE CRASHES TO SCORE!



THE GOOFVILLE TEAM HAS MADE JOYCE JILREN QUEEN OF THE BALL



GABBY SCOOPS



BOB AND BILL THE SCOUT TWINS

DRAWN BY BOB BUGG

WHILE EXPLORING A LIMESTONE CAVE, BOB AND BILL WERE CAUGHT IN AN UNDERGROUND LANDSLIDE. THEY CAME OUT IN A HOLLOW WORLD BENEATH THE EARTH'S CRUST WHERE PEOPLE, ANIMALS AND PLANTS ARE OF GIANT SIZE. IN THE HOUSE OF A FRIENDLY GIANT THEY RIGGED UP A RADIO SENDING SET AND TALKED WITH THEIR FRIENDS ON THEIR OWN UPPER WORLD.



BOB



BILL

I'VE BEEN SENDING OUT JIMMY ROBBINS' CALL LETTERS FOR THE LAST HOUR, BOB... AND NO ANSWER YET!

WAIT, BILL... HE'S COMING THROUGH NOW!



AFTER TWELVE HOURS SILENCE, JIMMY ROBBINS BROADCASTS AGAIN FROM THE UPPER WORLD.

BOB! BILL! ARE YOU STILL THERE? I'VE GOT GOOD NEWS FOR YOU!



SEE, GRANDPA! THEY'RE SENDING DOTS AND DASHES!

YES, LOLA... IT'S SOME KIND OF CODE.



JUST THEN A STRANGER APPROACHES...

GRANDPA, LOOK! WHO'S THAT UGLY MAN COMING TO OUR HOUSE?

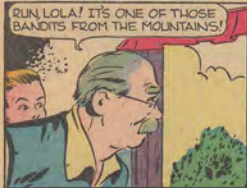


SCOUTMASTER CARNEY IS PREPARING AN EXPEDITION TO FIND YOU!

BILL, DID YOU GET THAT? AN EXPEDITION TO BRING US HOME!



BOB AND BILL



BOB AND BILL





BOB AND BILL

THE
BANDIT
ACCOSTS
THE
CIRCUS
OWNER.



BOB AND BILL



BOB AND BILL



AS BILL LEADS AFTER BOB... HE
LIPSETS THE BOX OF TACKS.





TO BE CONTINUED



Myra North

AND THE
"INVISIBLE MAN"
by RAY THOMPSON
CHARLES COLL
NO. 1, 1947 ON

WHILE JACK AND CAPT. GLAVEN ARE ARRESTING THE MYSTERIOUS GIANT NATIONAL BANK ROBBER, MYRA IS AWAKENED FROM HER SLEEP BY A SINGING, PAULINE VOICE...



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"INVISIBLE MAN"

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MYRA'S FRIENDS ARRIVE JUST IN TIME TO
LALL, INTERLUPT HYSTERIC BANGING FOOTBALL,
BUT THE "INVISIBLE" BREAMS EASILY ELUDES THE
REARNS OF JACK LANE AND CAPT. GUNSEN!



Myra North

AND THE
"INVISIBLE MAN"
BY RAY THOMPSON
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NO. 2 OF 1971

THE NAVAL ARSENAL IS THE SCENE OF GREAT CONFUSION AS THE STOLEN CAB DRIVEN BY MYSTIC IN HIS 'INVISIBLE SUIT' CRASHES THRU THE HEAVY GATES.



INSIDE A CONCRETE BUILDING FILLED HIGH WITH DEADLY EXPLOSIVES, A MATCH MOVES MYSTIC CLOSLY TOWARD A DANGEROUS FUSE!



HEY!
WHERE'S
COMING FROM
HERE!

WHO WOULD
DARE
SHOW UP
HERE?



A SHADOW PASSES MOMENTARILY BY A NEARBY SUBWAY KIOSK AND A MORNING PAPER IS MAGICALLY AWAY FROM THE NEWS STAND!

HOH!



AND THEN A VIOLENT EXPLOSION FROM ABOVE CAUSES THE SPEEDING CAB TO ROCK DANGEROUSLY... AN INNOCENT OLD LADY IS STARTLED BY A WILD LAUGH FROM THE 'LUFFY' SEATED BESIDE HER!

OH MY!

MY GOD?

HA... HA... HA...

AN INSTANT LATER A GROUP OF MARINES AT THE GATE ARE JOSTLED ROUGHLY BY AN UNSEEN FORCE AND DASHES THROUGH THE MIST!



THE OLD QUARTERS JACK AND CAPT. GUNZEN ARE CALLED TO THE TELETYPE MACHINE THEY RECEIVE THE SHOCKING NEWS FROM THE ARSENAL!

A DIVELESS TAXI CRASHED THRU THE GATES SHORTLY BEFORE THE EXPLOSION! SO IT'S MYSTER AGAIN!

CAPTAIN! I'VE NEVER FELT SO LITERALLY HELPLESS IN MY LIFE! WHERE IS THE PHONE?



HELLO! MYRAT ARE YOU SAFE? EVERYTHING OKAY!



WHY OF COURSE I'M OKAY DARLING!! YOU SOUND JAWWY AS A LITEN! WE'RE BUSY AT WU'S SECRET LAB. DEADLY WORKING ON AN 'ANTI-DOTE' FOR ANTIBIOTIC! WE EXPECT TO HAVE GOOD NEWS FOR YOU SOON!



ONLY AN HOUR LATER... IN THE GLOOMY LOST BUILDING LOST TOWN TOWN OCCUPIED BY TARD...

THAT'S ODD... I THOUGHT I HEARD SOME NOISE AT THE DOOR!



YOU DID ZERO - I'M RIGHT OVER HERE BY YOUR SAFE! I'VE JUST PAID OFF MAA-AD A 'RAY CASH DEPOSIT' FOR YOU!

EE... THANKS... BUT I WISH YOU WOULD'NT SNEAK IN LIKE THIS... IT... EE...



HA...! YOUR OWN SUIT MAKES YOU NERVOUS. DOES IT OAK, HERE'S MY FACE, AND NOW LISTEN - I'VE GOT A SLICK LITTLE PLAN WORKED OUT TO BRING MYRA NORTH HERE!

Myra North

AND THE
"INVISIBLE MAN"

by RAY THOMPSON
AND
CHARLES COLL
REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.

TODAY WE FIND PROFESSOR ZERO GREATLY AGITATED BY HYSTER'S SUDDEN RETURN TO THE LABORATORY. HYSTER HAS THROWN BACK THE HOOD OF THE "INVISIBLE SUIT" SO THAT ONLY HIS HEAD IS REVEALED.

BUT, EXCELLENCY--YOUR DESIRE TO BRING THIS WOMAN HERE--IT'S IMPOSSIBLE--INSANE!



OH, NO IT ISN'T, MY FRIEND--WITHOUT WINNING MYRA, MY EXPLOITS ARE EMPTY--MEANINGLESS!

B-BUT YOU'VE ROBBED A GREAT BANK, BLOWN UP AN ARSENAL--ISN'T THIS ENOUGH? I BEG YOU TO LEAVE WELL ENOUGH ALONE!



ZERO, MY WORK HAS ONLY JUST BEGUN! BUT FIRST I'M DETERMINED TO HAVE MYRA! NOW BRING ME A LARGE PIECE OF THE MATERIAL FROM WHICH THIS INVISIBLE GARMENT IS MADE--AT ONCE!

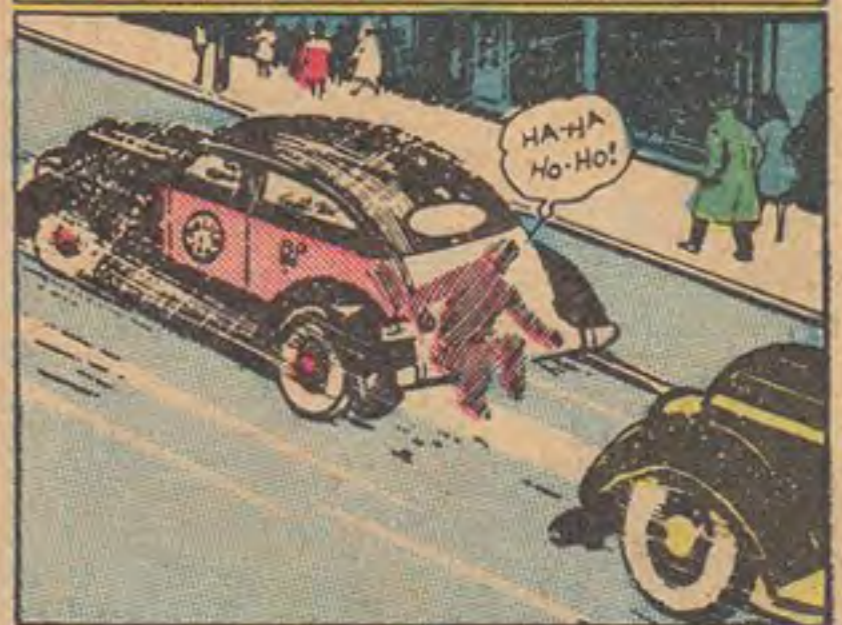
D-DON'T! STOP CHOKING ME!!



A FEW MOMENTS LATER, MAGIC FOOT-PRINTS APPEAR IN THE FRESHLY FALLEN SNOW OUTSIDE THE GLOOMY LOFT BUILDING!



DISPLAYING A GRIM SENSE OF HUMOR, THE INVISIBLE HYSTER ELECTS TO RIDE ON THE REAR BUMPER OF A PASSING POLICE CAR FOR THE TRIP UPTOWN



MEANWHILE, IN THE SECRET WORKROOM OF DR. WU'S RENT HOUSE, THE DOCTOR AND MYRA HAVE JUST FINISHED AN ARDUOUS NIGHT'S WORK IN THE TASK OF COMBATING HYSTER.

SUGGEST PROGRESS MOST GRATIFYING. MYRA--SHALL NOW RELAX OVER POT OF STEAMING TEA--WAIT HERE WHILE I BRING SAME

VERY GOOD, DOCTOR--I'LL FINISH UP THIS EXPERIMENT WITH THE AMMONIA DYE



WU EMERGES FROM THE SECRET PANEL AND TURNS TOWARD THE KITCHEN



AND THEN, AS MYRA IS ABOUT TO POUR THE CONTENTS OF THE TUBE INTO A FLASK, IT MYSTERIOUSLY SLIPS FROM HER GRASP!



OH! HOW CLUMSY OF ME!

SORRY I HAD TO RUIN YOUR EXPERIMENT, MYRA--CLEVER IDEA, THO--FIGURING TO SPRAY THAT DYE IN MY GENERAL DIRECTION SO IT MIGHT STAIN THE SUIT, AND THEN FOLLOW MY TRAIL BY THE AMMONIA FUMES! MOST INGENIOUS!

HYSTER--HERE?!!



OF COURSE, MY DEAR! I HAPPENED TO BE IN THE DRAWING ROOM WHEN WU CAME THRU HIS "SECRET PANEL"--THE REST WAS EASY!



A MOMENT LATER DR. WU RETURNS WITH THE TEA TRAY, SOUNDS OF A FURIOUS STRUGGLE REACH HIS EARS... BUT MYRA IS NOT TO BE SEEN!



H-HELP! HE'S SMOTHERING ME!

Myra North

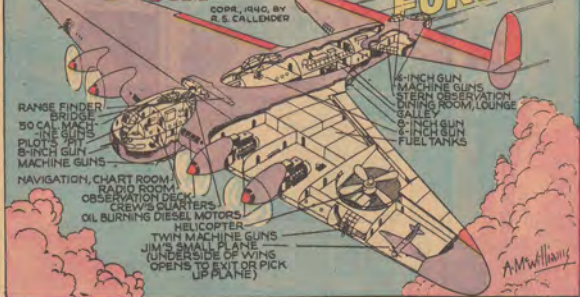
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BEFORE HE FULLY REALIZES WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN HIS SECRET ROOM, HE IS DASHED TO THE FLOOR BY THE INVISIBLE MAN IN HIS WILD LUNGE FOR THE DOOR PANEL!



STRATOSPHERE JIM and his FLYING FORTRESS

COPYR. 1940, BY
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AFTER LANDING IN THE CHINESE MOUNTAINS TO ESTABLISH A SUPPLY BASE, JIM AND HARRY ARE SURPRISED WHILE AWAY FROM THE PLANE BY CHINESE GUERRILLAS... HARRY ESCAPES BUT JIM IS CAPTURED....

BLINDFOLDED, JIM IS LED AWAY BY HIS CAPTORS ----



PLEASE TO STEP UP... WE COMINGS TO HOUSE.



WELL... IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU BROUGHT HOME SOMETHING WORTH WHILE, HOT SHOT

FLYING FORTRESS

TAKE OFF THE BLIND-FOLD PAL JY COME INTO THE HOUSE BUT DON'T MAKE ANY FLUNNY MOVES



MY NAME IS JIM... HOW COME YOU, AN AMERICAN, COMMAND A GANG OF BANDITS?

THEY'RE NOT BANDITS !!- SIT DOWN, I'LL EXPLAIN



--THIS USED TO BE A PROSPEROUS PLANTATION UNTIL JAP SOLDIERS KILLED MY FATHER... I SWORE REVENGE AND MY WORKERS HAVE AIDED ME... WE'VE ARMED OURSELVES BY RAIDING JAP TROOPS--



I DON'T GO OUT OF MY WAY TO FIGHT THEM... BUT IN ORDER TO PROTECT MY LAND WE'VE ROUTED EVERY BUNCH WHO'VE TRIED TO TAKE US...

WE'RE GOING NOW TO MEET ONE OF THOSE ENEMY COLUMNS AND SINCE I DON'T KNOW OR TRUST YOU... YOU'RE COMING WITH US! SO I CAN KEEP AN EYE ON YOU! HOT SHOT... ARE THE MEN ALL READY?



OH, NO... YOU CAN INCLUDE ME OUT!



YES, MISSY RUTH... NEW MAN GO OR HOT SHOT CUTTUM THROAT, EH? ... HEE HEE--ME GO CHOPPITY-CHOP... 



FLYING FORTRESS

HOT-SHOT TOLD ME YOU LANDED A GIANT PLANE BACK UP THE RIVER! I EXPECT TO SEE IT AFTER WE CLEAN UP THIS JOB!

WE AT EDGE OF MISSY RUTH'S PROPERTIES... GOOD PLACE FOR AMBUSHINGS OF ENEMIES, YIS?

HA-HA-HA WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE 'EM FIGHT, STUPID--

WHAT AN ARMY!!

RUTH'S 'ARMY' QUICKLY CLAMBERS INTO POSITIONS OVERLOOKING THE MOUNTAIN ROAD ----

LET 'EM COME NOW... WE'LL RUIN THOSE JAPS !!

SUDDENLY THE CHINESE GUERILLAS ARE STARTLED AS A STRANGE PLANE ROARS PAST AND DOWN THE CANYON !!!

IS ENEMY PLANES !!

LATER... IN THE JAP CAMP

IT IS AS YOU THOUGHT, EXCELLENCY --THE CHINESE ARE MAPPED IN AMBUSH ALONG THE CLIFF ROAD

AH, GOOD... THE FOOLS HAVE TRIED THAT TRICK ONCE TOO OFTEN... I'LL SEND HALF MY MEN AROUND BEHIND THEM TO SHOOT DOWN FROM THE CLIFF TOP... WHILE WE ATTACK ALONG THE ROAD

FLYING FORTRESS



THE FIRST THE CHINESE SEE OF THEIR ENEMY, IS WHEN A DEADLY RIFLE FIRE IS POURED DOWN ON THEM FROM THE TOP OF THE CLIFF ----

WE'RE TRAPPED!!--HALF YOU MEN CLIMB UP THERE 'N KEEP 'EM BUSY--

ME, HOT-SHOT! GO GET JAPS



OH-HO... SO YOU'VE DECIDED TO JOIN MY ARMY ----

JUST FOR MY OWN PROTECTION ---- HERE COMES THE OTHER JAPS UP THE ROAD!



SHELTERING THEMSELVES AS BEST THEY CAN FROM THE JAP GUNS ABOVE, THE CHINESE IN TURN, RAKE THE JAPANESE COLUMN ON THE ROAD BELOW WITH A WITHERING HAIL OF BULLETS ----

DAN DUNN

BY NORMAN MARSH

SYNOPSIS

THE PROFESSOR HAS SMUGGLED THE CROWN JEWELS INTO AMERICA. KNOWING THAT DEAD MEN TELL NO TALES, HE IS ATTEMPTING A WHOLESALE MURDER OF HIS CONFEDERATES. HE HAS SUCCEEDED WITH FALLON, BUT MONA, WHOM HE TRIED TO KILL, STILL LIVES. DAN DUNN IS NOW TRYING TO GET SOME INFORMATION FROM MONA.

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IRVIN--COME ON WE'RE GOING OUT IN THE CAR--WE CAN WAIT FOR THE CHIEF'S MEN THERE

OK, DAN--WE GOIN' TO RAID TH' PROFESSOR'S PLACE WITH ONLY FOUR MEN!



WHILE AT THE HOSPITAL, MONA UNDER THE CAREFUL ATTENTION OF DOCTORS CONTINUES TO IMPROVE RAPIDLY.

I AM SO GLAD I MET DAN DUNN--HE'S SO STRONG--AND I KNOW HE'S COURAGEOUS!



I WONDER--COULD HE WITH THE PAST I HAVE HAD CARE FOR ME?? I'M GOING TO TRY TO MAKE HIM LIKE ME-- A LOT!!



YES CHIEF THE SQUAD AND I CHECKED FROM THE PROFESSOR'S HOME--WE'LL RAID THE PLACE TONIGHT!

FROM ALL I HEAR THE PLACE IS WELL FORTIFIED!



YES, THE FENCE AROUND THE HOUSE IS ELECTRICALLY CHARGED--HE HAS BURGLAR ALARMS AND UNDOUBTEDLY OTHER FIENDISH TRAPS ABOUT--

TO SAY NOTHING OF THE DOGS WHICH GUARD THE GROUNDS, EH?



THAT'S RIGHT--BUT WE'LL TAKE A JACK--PRY THE BARS OF THE FENCE APART SO WE CAN ENTER THE GROUNDS--

AND THE DOGS!



WE'LL HANDLE THEM THE BEST WAY WE CAN--NOW HOW MANY MEN CAN YOU SPARE?

THIRTY PLAIN CLOTHES MEN--YOU CAN HAVE RIOT GUNS--BAG ROBBER--AND ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT--



NOW, MEN, YOU UNDERSTAND YOUR ASSIGNMENTS?? I WANT ONE MAN EVERY TWENTY FEET AROUND THE PROFESSOR'S GROUNDS--BUT DON'T UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES TOUCH THE FENCE!!



SHORTLY AFTER, FIVE CARS LEAVE HEADQUARTERS LOADED WITH OFFICERS GRIMLY INTENT ON ARRESTING THE FIENDISH PROFESSOR--



WHILE THE PROFESSOR IS ABOUT TO SET ON A LITTLE JOURNEY--

NOW I'LL PAY MY VISIT TO SLUG WEESE--WITH BOTH MONA AND FALLON OUT OF THE WAY HE IS THE ONLY ONE LEFT WHO CAN POINT AN ACCUSING FINGER AT ME--



THE AUTOMATIC MACHINERY IS SET--IF ANYONE TRY'S TO ENTER THE GROUNDS OR THE HOUSE THEY WILL BE ELECTROCUTED--HEN!! HEN!! HEN!!



IN A FEW HOURS MY FALSY WALSY SLUG WEESE WILL BE NO MORE--BY DAYLIGHT I'LL BE BACK IN MY HOUSE WITH THE CROWN JEWELS ALL FOR MYSELF--



NO ONE WILL EVER CATCH ME--THE POLICE HAVEN'T THE SLIGHTEST IDEA THAT I'M THE ONE WHO KILLED FALLON AND MONA--AND STOLE THE CROWN JEWELS!



MEANTIME THE POLICE, LED BY DAN DUNN SURROUND THE PROFESSOR'S HOUSE!

EVERY MAN IS AT HIS STATION--NOW, IRWIN--GIVE ME THOSE HEAVY RUBBERS, THE RUBBER GLOVES AND THE JACK--

HERE THEY ARE DAN!!



LOOK AT THE SPARKS FROM THAT FENCE! HERE COME THE DOGS!!

WHEN THEY HIT THAT FENCE THEY'LL BE ELECTROCUTED!!



THERE! THE BARS ARE SPREAD FAR ENOUGH APART SO THAT WE CAN GET THROUGH WITHOUT TOUCHING THEM!!

AND THE DOGS ARE DISPOSED OF--ELECTROCUTED WHEN THEY TRY TO ATTACK US THROUGH THE FENCE!



NOW, MEN, FOLLOW ME--BE SURE EACH OF YOU HAS HIS RUBBERS ON--AND DON'T TOUCH ANYTHING WITH YOUR HANDS--

OK, DAN!



MEANTIME, THE PROFESSOR REACHES THE SECRET HARBOR WHERE SLUG REESE IS WAITING FOR HIM!

AH! THERE IS THE STUPID FOOL--FIRST I MUST BE SURE HE HAS THE JEWELS--AND THEN--HA! HE WILL MEET HIS END!!



HOW ARE YOU MY FRIEND--FEELING FIT I HOPE--YOU HAVE THE JEWELS HANDY??

YEP, PROFESSOR--... THEY'RE ALL READY FOR YOU--AND, BOY! AM I GLAD TO GET OUT OF THIS DUMP!!



SLUG, YOU'RE SURE THERE IS NOTHING ON THE BOAT THAT WOULD POINT TO ME--ANYTHING THAT WOULD SERVE THE POLICE AS A CLUE??

NOT A THING, PROFESSOR--NOT A THING--I WAS VERY CAREFUL OF THAT!



LEAVE THE LIGHT BURNING--WE'LL STEP ON THE BOAT--I WANT TO MAKE SURE!

OK--BUT YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME PROF!



OH NO, I'M NOT, GO AHEAD AND STEP ON--I'LL FOLLOW YOU!!

OK, OK, PROF ANYTHING TO MAKE YOU HAPPY!!



A SLOW REPORT ECHOES FROM WITHIN THE BOAT--THEN SILENCE--BROKEN ONLY BY THE GENTLE LAPPING OF WAVES ALONG THE SHORE!!



THAT SETTLES WESSE!-- AS SOON AS I LAY OUT THIS FUSE TO THE GASOLINE TANK AND LASH THE RUDDER I'M GOING TO START THE MOTOR, AND SEND THIS BOAT TO SEA!

AH! THE MOTOR RUNS WITHOUT A MISS-- I WILL TAKE THIS END OF THE FUSE UP ON DECK, LIGHT IT AND JUMP ASHORE!!

THERE SHE GOES! IN AN HOUR THE FUSE WILL BURN TO THE GAS TANK-- THEN THE EXPLOSION-- AND THE LAST CLUE TO THE THEFT OF THE CROWN JEWELS WILL DISAPPEAR INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE OCEAN!

THE LITTLE FISHING BOAT ON WHICH THE PROFESSOR SINT SLEDJ NEEKS TO SEA, BLOWS UP WHEN THE LIGHTED FUSE REACHES THE OPEN GASOLINE TANK-- A FEW MILES AWAY A COAST GUARD CUTTER IS CRUISING--

DID YOU SEE THAT FLASH, SKIPPER?

A BOAT BLEW UP-- PUT YOUR HELM HARD TO PORT-- RING FOR FULL SPEED!!

SANTHE - DAN DUNN HAS LED THE OFFICERS WITHIN THE PROFESSOR'S HOUSE, WARNING THEM NOT TO TOUCH ANYTHING UNTIL HE IS ABLE TO SHUT OFF THE GENERATOR-- THE PHONE RINGS-- ONE OF THE OFFICERS WITHOUT THINKING REACHES FOR THE PHONE-- STIFFENS AND FALLS AS THE ELECTRIC CURRENT COURSES THROUGH HIS BODY--

DON'T TOUCH HIM MEN-- OR YOU WILL BE ELECTROCUTED!

WHILE IN A SECRET PLACE THE PROFESSOR NIPES THE PERSPIRATION FROM HIS BROW--

THERE IS SOMEONE IN MY HOUSE! I HEARD THE PHONE CLICK AS I RANG IT-- I MUST FLEE!!

IT IS A GOOD THING THAT I HAVE ANOTHER PLACE TO WHICH I MAY FLEE-- NO ONE KNOWS OF IT-- BUT HOW DID ANYONE FIND OUT ABOUT ME??

I AM STILL TOO SMART FOR THEM-- THE POLICE WILL NEVER FIND ME WHERE I AM GOING! AND I STILL HAVE THE JEWELS!

SANTHE THE COAST GUARD CUTTER REACHES THE SCENE OF THE FISHBOAT EXPLOSION--

HERE'S WHERE THE BLAST OCCURRED--

KEEP THAT SEARCHLIGHT WORKING-- WE MAY FIND SOMETHING!!

LOOK! OVER THERE-- ISN'T THAT A MAN??

YES-- PREPARE TO LOWER AWAY A BOAT!!

THERE HE IS-- HELP ME GET HIM ABOARD--

EASY NOW-- HE'S HURT!

AND A FEW MINUTES LATER ABOARD THE COAST GUARD CUTTER--

HE'S BEEN SHOT!-- PRETTY BAD SHARP-- I'LL DO THE BEST I CAN WITH HIM--

GET THAT RADIO GOING-- WE'LL HAVE TO GET HIM ASHORE TO A DOCTOR!!

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WASH TUBBS

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SYNOPSIS

WASH GOES TO FIND EASY AND RETURNS TOO LATE FOR HIS WEDDING, REFUSING TO LISTEN TO ANY EXPLANATION, CAROL LEAVES TOWN, WHILE WASH TRIES TO CURE EASY'S AMNESIA, ROWDEN SPLENDIX MAKES PLANS TO MARRY CAROL FOR HER MONEY.

QUICK, LET'S GET OUTA HERE.

AW, THERE'S NOTHIN' TO WORRY ABOUT— HE'S LOST HIS MEMORY.

WHO'S THAT FELLA?

ROWDY SPLENDIX AN' HIS GANG, HIS OLD MAN'S A BIG SHOT IN MCKEE INDUSTRIES. ROWDY'S A BUM, THO, NOT CAROL. EVER SAW IN HIM'S A MYSTERY.

I—I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT. FOR A SECOND, I SEEMED TO REMEMBER SOMETHING—I WANTED TO SLUG HIM!

THEN EVERYTHING WENT BLANK AGAIN. SOUNDS CRAZY, DOESN'T IT?

OH, YOU'VE SEEN HIM AT TH' TOSBY TURF. LET'S EAT.

MONEY TALKS, GUNNOR, YOU BETCHA LIFE I'LL MARRY THE MCKEE MILLIONS—

IF I CAN.

YOU CAN DO IT, ROWDY, I'M SURE YOU CAN.

THREE THINGS ARE IN YOUR FAVOR: OLD MCKEE CONSIDERS YOU THE MOST ELIGIBLE BACHELOR IN TOWN, CAROL'S ALWAYS BEEN FOND OF YOU, AND I'M THE ONLY PERSON WHO KNOWS THEIR ADDRESS.

HO HO! THEN IT'S A BREEZE FOR JUST A BREEZE.

OH, IF ONLY I COULD FIND CAROL AN' EXPLAIN WHY I WAS LATE FOR TH' WEDDIN'. I'M SURE SHE'D UNDERSTAND.

—SHEA!

GARGANTUA NEWS-CLIPPING SERVICE.
SEE YOUR NAME IN PRINT

WE READ EVERY NEWSPAPER IN THE U.S.A. AND CLIP EACH REFERENCE TO YOUR NAME. TRY US.

PLS. REASONABLE
OBYOY! I WANT EVERYTHING YOU CAN FIND ABOUT CAROL MCKEE.

FOR HOURS, WASH WADES THRU THE CLIPPINGS.

MOSTLY TH' SAME.

HERE IT IS!!

WASH TUBBS



IT'S FROM SAN FRANCISCO. "AMONG THE PASSENGERS BOUND FOR PANAZUELA ABOARD THE S.S. TERRIFIC WERE INDUSTRIALIST MCKEE AND HIS LOVELY DAUGHTER, CAROL."

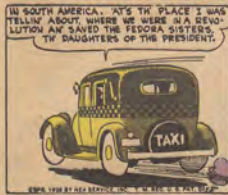


OHOO! MY WEDDIN' AN' ENGAGEMENT RINGS CAME IN HAUDY AFTER ALL!



HURRY, EASY! GET YOUR THINGS TOGETHER-- WE'RE FLYIN' TO PANAZUELA.

WHERE THE BLAZES IS PANAZUELA?



IN SOUTH AMERICA. AT'S TH' PLACE I WAS TELLIN' ABOUT, WHERE WE WERE IN A REVOLUTION AN' SAVED THE FEDORA SISTERS, TH' DAUGHTERS OF THE PRESIDENT.



ARE THEY IN TROUBLE AGAIN?

HECK, NO! THAT'S WHERE CAROL MCKEE HAS GONE, AN' I JUST GOT TO SEE HER!



IF NECESSARY, I'LL FOLLOW HER TO TH' ENDS OF TH' EARTH.



BUT, OF COURSE, CAROL DOESN'T EXPECT HIM.

I'LL NEVER SPEAK TO WASH TUBBS AS LONG AS I LIVE.

NOW YOU'RE TALKING, HONEY.



BUT I STILL CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY HE DIDN'T APPEAR AT THE WEDDING.

WE'VE BEEN OVER THIS A THOUSAND TIMES, CAROL. NO MATTER WHAT HIS REASON, HE'S THRU!!



OF COURSE, DADDY. I HATE HIM. I DESPISE HIM-- BUT SURELY THERE WAS SOME REASON.

HE'S A COUNFOUL'D IMPECILE. THAT'S WHY, ALL HE HAD TO DO TO BECOME A MILLIONAIRE WAS BE AT A WEDDING AND HE COULDN'T EVEN DO THAT. BAH!



IN THE OFFICE OF ADOLFO DE LA CUCARACHA, DICTATOR OF PANAZUELA.

EXCELLENCY, THE BROTHER OF JULIO GARZA, YOUR POLITICAL ENEMY WHO DISAPPEARED LAST WEEK, IS HERE AGAIN, DEMANDING TO KNOW WHAT HAS BECOME OF HIS BROTHER.



HE ASKS TOO MANY QUESTIONS. PLEASE SEE THAT HE DISAPPEARS LIKEWISE.

SI, MI PRESIDENTE.

WASH TUBBS



WASH TUBBS



ADOLFO!

MAKES! AH, WAT A PLEASURE TO SEE YOU WANCE MORE SINCE THE GOOD OLD DAYS OF COLLEGE!



EVERYTHING EEN MY HUMBLE PALACE, MY FRAM, EES YOURS.



ASK WAT YOU WHEEL, FOR I 'OLD THE REPUBLIC EEN THE PALM WIS MY 'AND, AND THERE EES NO FINER HOST EEN ALL SOUTH AMERICA THAN I, ADOLFO DE LA CUCARACHA.



MY DEAR MAKEE, WAT A LOVELY DAUGHTER! BUT WERE EES YOUR HUSBAND, CHILD?

ER, AHEM... CO? CO?

I... I'M NOT MARRIED, SIR.



BUT I DON' UNDERSTAND, DEED NOT I, ADOLFO DE LA CUCARACHA, RECEIVE AN INVITATION TO THE WEDDING?

IT WAS CALLED OFF, TO MAKE A LONG STORY SHORT, ASOLFO WE CAME TO SOUTH AMERICA TO GET RID OF THE COMFOUNDED CHAD.



AND GUESS WHAT HAPPENED! HE FOLLOWED US.

WE JUMPED ON THE CAR, TO SPEAK TO CAROL, AND WAS ARRESTED.



EVIDENTLY MY MEN MISTOOK HEEM FOR ANOTHER AGASSIN. YOU WEE NEVER SEE HEEM AGAIN.

GREAT SCOTT! WE DONT WANT ANY HARM TO COME TO THE BOY!

GOOD HEHEHE! NO!



BUT I DON' UNDERSTAND, YOU NEVER WEEGH TO SEE YOUR SUITOR AGAIN, THEN WHY NOT LEAVE HEEM IN JAIL FOREVER?

NOTHING THAT DRASTIC, OLD CHAD, PLEASE!

NO! NO!



SEND FOR CAPTAIN DAWSON.

YES, EXCELLENCY.



HA! THEES CAPTAIN DAWSON WEE TAKE CARE OF HEEM. AN OLD SEA CAPTAIN, AND HARD AS NAILS. HE WAS A GUN RUNNER EEN OUR NEXT TO THE LAST REVOLUTION — I DEESCOVER HEEM AND APPOINT HEEM CHIEF OF THE SECRET POLICE.



I DON' KNOW WAT I, ADOLFO DE LA CUCARACHA, DO WEEHOLD OLD BULL.

THE RIGHT HAND MAN, THAT'S ME, WAM, I'M A FRIEND OF HIS EXCELLENCY, YET A PAL OF MINE, BY THUNDER, AN' DON'T FORGET IT.



SEVORITA MAKEE HAS AN UNWELCOME SUITOR, BULL. SHE DON WEEH HEEM TO REMAIN IN JAIL, OR BE KEEL, YET SHE DON WEEH HEEM TO ANNOY HER, ONNERSTAND?

WASH TUBBS



WASH TUBBS



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THE OWL



THIS DOESN'T MAKE SENSE, CARSON! A DIAMOND NECKLACE WORTH A COOL HALF-MILLION WAS STOLEN FROM YOUR WALL-SAFE - YET, YOU CAN'T TELL US WHERE YOU WERE JUST PRIOR TO THE ROBBERY!

-OR DON'T WANT TO!!
-I THINK YOU STOLE THAT NECKLACE YOURSELF TO COLLECT THE INSURANCE!!
-OR YOU'RE SHIELDING SOMEONE!

I-I JUST CAN'T REMEMBER!

PRINCE OF AVENGING DEMONS* IS THE TITLE BE-STOWED ON THE OWL THAT SWOOPED FROM THE DARKNESS TO POUNCE ON TOMDAY'S FUR-DURING DAYTIME HOURS. THE MASK AND ROBE OF THE OWL ARE SET ASIDE TO REVEAL THE PERSON OF NICK TERRY, WIDELY KNOWN PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR!! THAT NICK TERRY AND THE OWL ARE ONE AND THE SAME IS A FACT UNKNOWN TO ALL BUT BELLE WAYNE, NICK'S BLONDE NEWSPAPER REPORTING FIANCEE!

STORY BY LEONARD STEINMAN-



YOU SAY YOUR WALL-SAFE OPERATES BY A TIME-DEVICE, -IS THAT RIGHT, CARSON?

Y-YES MR. TERRY, IT WILL OPEN SEVEN HOURS AFTER THE COMBINATION IS DIALLED!

HMPH!! AND SO FAR AS YOU KNOW, ONLY YOURSELF KNOWS THE COMBINATION!



YOU'RE CRAIG, CARSON'S BUTLER - THINK YOU HAVE AN AIRTIGHT ALIBI DON'T YOU? - HEY!! GET THAT OVERGROWN TOMCAT AWAY FROM ME!

NOT A TOMCAT, SIR - -SIN IS A PANTHER -VERY DANGEROUS TOO, WHEN AROUSED, -VERY- DOWN, SIN, DOWN!



DOES YOUR MASTER BEAT YOU, CRAIG? - OR ARE THOSE WELTS ON YOUR UGLY FACE JUST BEAUTY MARKS?!!

WELTS? - ER - NO, SIR - MR. CARSON NEVER BEATS ME - THEY'RE - UH - JUST AN - SMOKE SCARS - SOUVENIRS FROM MY MORE YOUTH-FUL DAYS - HEH!



THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT THIS WHOLE AFFAIR, CARSON - AND WE'LL GET TO THE BOTTOM OF IT YET!!

I-I-T-TOMORROW

I-MAY BE ABLE TO TELL YOU - SOMETHING - GOOD NIGHT - I-I-

THE OWL



I'LL HAND IN A REPORT ON THE CASE TOMORROW COMMISSIONER!

RIGHT YOU ARE, NICK! -NOW GET ALONG OUT OF THIS SNOW FLURRY -GOOD NIGHT, BELLE!!



THE BONDED MESSAGERS DELIVER THE NECKLACE TO CARSON LAST NIGHT! -CARSON PUTS IT IN HIS WALD-SAFE -AFTER THAT HE HAS A MENTAL BLACKOUT!!

-AND THE NEXT CARSON REMEMBERS, THE NECKLACE IS GONE!! -THAT MEANS -



THAT MEANS THAT THE NECKLACE JUST WALKED OUT OF THE SAFE WHILE CARSON'S ALLEGED BRAIN WAS TAKING A BEAUTY NAP!!

CRAGS COULDN'T HAVE STOLEN IT BECAUSE HE HAS AN AIRTIGHT RUB! -HERE'S YOUR APARTMENT -NICK, KNOW WHO I THINK STOLE THAT NECKLACE?



WHO -MY LITTLE FEMALE WATSON?

CARSON HIMSELF, MY DEAR! ONLY HE DOESN'T KNOW IT! -NOW PLEASE CLOSE THE DOOR -IT'S COLD! -GOODNIGHT, SHERLOCK!!

AS THE CHIMES OF THE SLEEPING CITY TOLL OUT THE HOUR!!



GOING BONGS!

-BUT BELLE!!

MIDNIGHT! THE OWL HAS WORK TO DO!

NICK TERRY TRANSFORMS HIMSELF INTO THE OWL-PRINCE OF AVENGING DEMONS!!



FUNNY-BELLE HAVING THAT HUNCH ABOUT CARSON -

FROM THE SECRET HANGAR ATOP OF HIS PENTHOUSE ROOF HE ROLLS THE OWLPLANE!!



-AND WHAT MAKES IT EVEN FUNNIER, IS THE FACT THAT I BELIEVE SHE IS RIGHT!! -WELL, I'LL SOON SEE!!

MEANWHILE, BELLE RETURNS TO THE CARSON MANSION ON A SECRET MISSION OF HER OWN!



NICK WAS TOO ROUGH WITH CARSON - I'M SURE CARSON WAS TELLING THE TRUTH! - I THINK HE'S AFRAID OF SOMEBODY - IF I CAN ONLY TALK TO HIM ALONE!!



THIS OLD PLACE GIVES ME THE SHIVERS! - WHY - THE DOOR IS OPEN - AND - BLOOD ON THE THRESHOLD



OH! IT'S HUGO CARSON!! - SUICIDE!!



NO - NOT SUICIDE - MURDER, MY DEAR! - WELCOME TO THE HOUSE OF EVIL!!



CRAIG! - YOU KILLED YOUR MASTER



HUGO CARSON WAS NOT MY MASTER - HE WAS BUT A TOOL IN MY MASTER'S HANDS - THERE IS MY MASTER - LOOK!



THE HUGE FIREPLACE SWINGS OUT FROM THE WALL, AND -

- GOOD EVENING!! - THEY CALL ME THE PANTHERMAN!! - CRAIG, YOU'VE BEEN TALKING TOO MUCH!!



THE MASTER OF 'SIN'!!

THE PANTHERMAN'S LONG WHIP LASHES OUT!!

A LASH FOR YOUR INDECRETION, CRAIG!

NO MASTER - NO! - SPARE ME!! - MY SKIN IS YET RAW!!



CRACK!!



I SEE IT NOW! - YOU STOLE CARSON'S DIAMOND NECKLACE - AND HAD HIM MURDERED WHEN HE THREATENED TO TELL WHAT HE KNEW!

ONLY PARTLY TOLD MISS WAYNE! - A DRUG INJECTION FIRST MADE CARSON A SLAVE TO MY WILL!!



THE OWL

...UNDER THE EFFECT OF THE DRUG, CARSON BROUGHT YOU THE NECKLACE -

-NOT ONLY THE NECKLACE, BUT OTHER PRICE LESS JEWELS AS WELL - AND ALWAYS WE ESCAPED DETECTION BECAUSE OF MY GENIUS FOR PLANNING CRIME!



-AFTER A WHILE, CARSON BECAME TROUBLESOME, SO YOU HAD CRAIG MURDER HIM !!

YES, MY DEAR - BUT TO THE POLICE IT WILL LOOK LIKE SUICIDE - POWDER BURNS AND ALL! - UNFORTUNATELY, MISS WAYNE, YOU KNOW TOO MUCH - YOU MUST THEREFORE DISAPPEAR FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD! - TIE HER UP CRAIG!



NI - I MEAN THE OWL!

WHA - ???

CRASH!



STRIKE ONE !!



LOOK OUT N-OWL! - BEHIND YOU!



RUN, BELLE - RUN !!



SWISH

THE OWL STEPS ASIDE AND THE INFURIATED CAT LEAPS HEADLONG INTO THE UNFURLED DRAPERY!

-KITTY'S IN THE BAG!



HE'S ALL YOURS, CRAIG!



THE OWL

THE PANTHERMAN RECOVERS!!

THE GIRL HAS MADE GOOD HER ESCAPE!! -BUT YOU, MR. OWL, ARE NOT TO BE SO FORTUNATE!

YOU HAVE THE TERRIBLE ADVANTAGE, SIR BEAST-THAT WALKS-LIKE-A-MAN!! -YOUR NEXT MOVE PLEASE?



ONE FLICK OF YOUR MUSCLES, MY WORTHY, AND A BULLET WILL SHATTER YOUR ARROGANT HEART!! -CRAIG!-OPEN THE TRAP-DOOR!

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CRAIG ROLLS BACK THE RUG!

I HASTEN TO OBEY, MASTER -HASTEN GLADLY!



PERCENE!!-BENEATH THIS FLOOR IS A WATER-FILLED PIT;-PART OF AN OLD ABANDONED SEWER SYSTEM!!

H-MM!-"BEGINS TO LOOK LIKE THE END OF NICK TERRY!"



BACK-BACK!-STEP BACK OR I FIRE!!



THE FINAL STEP- INTO SPACE!-DOWN-DOWN PLUMMETS THE OWL!



A BLACK CHASM IN THE SIDEWALL- A TERRIFIC WRENCH-AND THE OWL CATCHES HOLD!!



WELL-I LOST MY CLOAK -BUT SAVED MY SKIN!

THIS SEEMS TO BE A REGULAR PASSAGEWAY -I WON-HSS-ST!-A LIGHT FROM ABOVE!



SEE, CRAIG?- ON THE WATER-HIS CAPE! -ALL THAT'S LEFT OF THE OWL!



THE OWL IS NO MORE, MASTER-NO MORE!

THAT'S WHAT THEY THINK!!- NOW WE'LL SEE WHERE THIS TUNNEL LEADS-IF ANY-WHERE!!



WHERE DOES THE TUNNEL LEAD?? ***** WILL THE PANTHERMAN BECOME THE EMPEROR OF CRIME?? *****

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